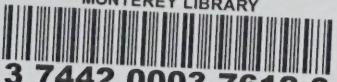
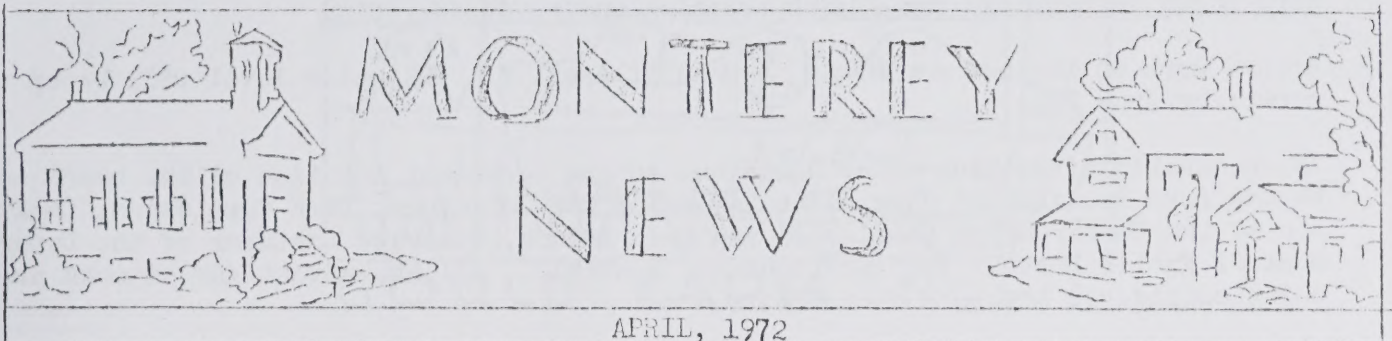


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OUR TOWN

Route 23 Bypass Remains High in the News

One of the issues that continues to present itself for discussion and action on the proposed Route 23 Bypass is the use of a seven-acre section of Swann State Forest. Recent action of the Committee on Transportation disapproved the use of this land. Subsequently, early in April, the State Legislature unanimously voted to accept the unfavorable report. Thus, at least for this year, the most favored plan of the Department of Public Works is impossible.

According to Dean Amidon, DPW district engineer, the approach of the D.P.W. may be to choose an alternative course for the bypass which does not go through State Forest property. If this action were taken, it would not be necessary to obtain approval from the Committee on Transportation.

Also pending is an environmental impact study. Whatever course is chosen will depend on the results of this study. No course can be taken without its approval. "The whole thing would have to be dropped," according to Mr. Amidon. The groups in favor of and those opposed to the proposed bypass continue to develop strategies in relationship to State decisions.

The Save All Monterey committee (SAM) has recently circulated a letter containing answers to the following five questions: 1) Why should Route 23 be reconstructed and relocated? 2) Why is it not feasible to reconstruct Route 23 on its present location? 3) Will a reconstructed and relocated road create more safety hazards? 4) Will the Town be adversely affected by the reconstruction and relocation of Route 23? 5) What happens if no relocation or reconstruction takes place? If you wish a copy of this letter write to Save All Monterey, P. O. Box 275, Monterey 01245.

Robert G. Brown, active in the Save Scenic Monterey Committee, has suggested that, in light of the State decision disapproving the Swann Forest corridor, "We should sit down and talk things over with them before they commit themselves to another alternative." Brown contends that the present Route 23 could be made acceptable by a program of improvements costing one fifth of the estimated three to four million dollars for the proposed bypass. This would be similar to the treatment of Route 23 in Otis and Blandford. However, indications by state officials have largely been that funds are not obtainable for this type of treatment. Those favoring the bypass feel that the Town cannot afford to reject the form of improvement that is available--i.e. the construction of the bypass.

Thus, the town, with concerned citizens on both sides of the issue, continues to debate the pros and cons of solving the problem of Route 23.

Route 23 Re-surfacing to Receive D.P.W. Cooperation

Regardless of the bypass issue, which cannot be settled immediately, it is evident that, as Monterey emerges from the winter, Route 23 is suffering further deterioration. Ice build-up has been extreme in at least six different sections of the road. The Selectmen have been in consultation with State highway engineers who have helped work out the plans for resurfacing east of the village.

Dean Amidon, District Engineer, has advocated a change in Monterey's protective by-laws which would require putting culverts through driveways so that water would not be blocked and forced up on the road. Currently there is no way to prevent this practice.

Work Begun on Garfield Dam--Beach Location under Consideration

Active work on the new dam began on Monday, April 3. The water level will be up to normal by June 1st.

The necessity of getting clear decisions on the permanent location of the beach came to the fore in a recent discussion involving the Selectmen, Park Commission, Chairman of the Construction Commission and Dean Amidon, District Engineer of the Department of Public Works. Two locations are possible. All the advantages of each are being considered before a decision is made.

Town Dinner Held on April 12

A practice instituted last year is becoming a tradition in Monterey. It is a dinner for town officials, which was held this year on Wednesday, April 12, at the Cove Inn Restaurant.

The primary value of this occasion is to provide a setting in which the officials can meet informally, learn to know each other better, and discuss areas of interest and concern.

Town Officials Appointed

The following appointments were made by the Board of Selectmen for 1972:

Board of Health: Kenneth Heath, Sr., Chairman; John Pizzichemi; Richard Tryon; Susan Le Prevost, Secretary. Care of Soldiers' Graves: Wallace Tryon. Cemetery Sexton: Sheldon Bristol. Civil Defense Director: Carl E. Champigny. Conservation Commission: Albert Phoenix, Chairman; Beatrice Phillips; Frederick Leuchs; Henry Wolfer; Frederick Vorek. Election Officers: Grace Burke; Margaret Cummings; Amy Enoe; Anne Marie Makuc; Assistant Election Officers: Ruth Champigny; Virginia Funk, Elizabeth Thorn; Ann Van Horn. Fence Viewers: Ernest Heath; Arthur Peter Phillips. Field Drivers: William Brett; Ernest Heath. Fire Department: Raymond Tryon, Chief; Thomas Andrus, Assistant Chief; Kenneth Heath, Sr., Asst. Chief. Highway Superintendent: Harold Crine. Inspector of Animals: Sheldon Fenn. Moth Inspector: Douglas Lyman. Police Department: The Selectmen, Commissioners; Thaddeus Falcon, Chief; Arthur Hastedt, Kitty Hastedt, Douglas Lyman and Leroy Therpe, Officers. Special Officers: Harold Crine, Ernest Heath. Found Keeper: Ernest Heath. Plumbing Inspector: Alf Pedersen. Registrars of Voters: Suzanne MacIver; Gertrude Gould; Bjorn Jonsen; Lucie Lancome. Safety Committee: Albert Phoenix, Chairman; Thaddeus Falcon, Raymond Tryon, Dean Amidon, Robert Brown. Secretary to the Selectmen: Susan LePrevost. Soldiers' Relief Agent: Leo LaFontana. Town Counsel: Robert Donelan. Town Hall-Community Center Building Committee: Dean Amidon, Chairman; Albert Phoenix, Paul Thorn; Raymond Tryon; Edith Wilson. Town Report Committee: Patricia Amstead, Chairman; Marion Schneider; Eleanor Wolfer, Ann Vickerman; Anne Marie Makuc. Tree Warden: Douglas Lyman. Youth Center Building Committee: John Pizzichemi; Maryellen Brown; Virgil Brallier; Thomas Bradley; Ben Blackshear. Protective By-Law Committee: Dean Amidon; Beatrice Fenn; Albert Phoenix; Henry Makuc; Robert Gauthier; Eugene O'Connell; Edith Wilson.

Easter Egg Hunt in the Snow

Ordinarily, snow does not present an attractive ground cover for an Easter Egg Hunt. This year the snow on Easter Day proved no hindrance for the 30 eager children who gathered in the afternoon for the event sponsored by the Park Commission. The snow helped show up the bright colors and the eggs were found in record time.

125th Anniversary Celebration Taking Shape

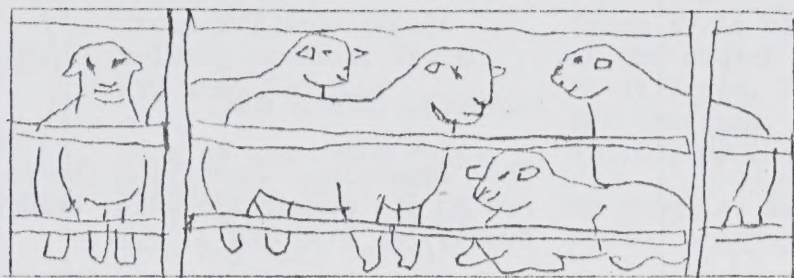
Under the chairmanship of Town Moderator, William Mielke, plans for the celebration of Monterey's 125th Anniversary are taking shape. The celebration is set for Friday through Sunday, June 23 to 25.

Many ideas are under discussion, and it is expected that specific plans will emerge soon. Some of the proposals include: a golf tournament, youth dance, mixed dance for youth and adults, including both square dancing and round dancing, a parade, a Town Fair, a pancake breakfast, a dinner, picnic, softball game, horse show, amateur art and hobby shows, ecumenical worship, and a regatta on Lake Garfield.

It is clear that not everything "thought about" will materialize, but the enthusiasm of the planning and coordinating committee is sure to bring a very exciting weekend to Monterey.

Attention Stamp Collectors!

Douglas Lyman and Walter Farks are conducting buy-sell-trade nights for stamp collectors Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 in the library basement.



GOULD FARM NEWS

"Continuity and Change" is the theme uppermost in the minds of those living at Gould Farm. On or about August 1st, the Rev. Hampton E. Price will retire from the position he has held as Executive Director, for the past ten years. This is a cause for regret and nostalgia on the part of the Farm family and the Board of Directors.

For the past nine months, there has been an intensive search for a man qualified to serve in the post about to be vacated. The Chairman of the Board, Dr. Virgil Brallier, in his capacity as head of the Search Committee, has conducted a country-wide correspondence with candidates. The Search Committee has met several times and has finally held intensive interviews with six of these men. On March 18 they unanimously recommended to the Board the Reverend Kent D. Smith. On the 25th the Board met and endorsed this selection. Mr. Smith is an ordained Presbyterian minister now living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His work, for the past two years, has been at the Delaware State Hospital, where he is a Chaplain Supervisor, training young ministers in Clinical Pastoral Education. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their sons, Stephen, age 7, and David, age 4, have visited Gould Farm and have already won a warm place in the community there. They will take up residence at the Farm in the late summer.

Meanwhile, life at the Farm continues as usual. On March 18 a group of 23 high school students, including half of the confirmation class of the Needham United Church of Christ, came with six leaders in a big school bus, to spend Friday and Saturday nights in the Tyringham Church, sleeping on the pews. They worked hard at Gould Farm Saturday, cleaning the garage, tidying the lumber shed and renovating the Morse house. They also sanded old dining-room chairs, relieving the minds of many residents whose stockings will hopefully no longer be ruined.

On Saturday evening, April 1, an April Fools' party was held. People competed in making hats suitable for the occasion and everyone seemed to have a very good time.

Rose McKee

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AVALON SCHOOL

The new building program at Avalon School has been halted by an injunction filed against the Board of Appeals, which had granted a variance permitting considerable extension of the school's present inadequate facilities.

The students were on vacation March 24 to April 7. Some children remained at the school, where various recreational programs were planned for them. A number attended and greatly enjoyed the Easter worship service at the Monterey church.

Dr. Gordon Northrup, Acting Director of the Berkshire Mental Health Clinic, is now one of the consultant psychiatrists at the school, and Mr. Howard Eberwein, Director of Special Education in the Pittsfield School System, is also serving in the capacity of consultant.

Mr. and Mrs. Amiel Segal, co-directors of Avalon School, are greatly enjoying their new home on Beartown Mountain Road, formerly the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donelan.

Amiel Segal



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

The Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River is now on its summer schedule, holding two Masses every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

C.C.D. classes have started Monday afternoons after school for grades 2 - 8.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship every Sunday at 10:30. . . .The funeral of Orabel Bruning was held on Sunday afternoon, March 26. . . .Our church joined in sponsoring the film on the life of Martin Luther King entitled "King", which was shown at Monument Mountain Regional School on Sunday, April 16.

Organ Repairs Completed The organ, which was dismantled for overhauling a few days after Christmas, has finally been reinstalled. The work was done by William E. Geddes, Organs, of Winsted, Connecticut. It had been hoped that the work would be completed by Easter, but actually it took until the following week. Over half of the cost was raised by the special appeal for funds.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Group In order that our Christian fellowship and our service to church and community may be strengthened, a prayer group of concerned people has been formed. It meets at the home of Hadley and Elizabeth Simons on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. All are welcome.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

The clothing appeal is still a significant part of the ministry of the church in trying to alleviate some of the suffering in our world today. To many thousands of people blankets and clothing can mean the difference between hope and despair, survival and death.

For the year 1972 nearly four million pounds of clothing and three thousand blankets are needed to fill the requests from relief and rehabilitation workers in various areas of the world, as well as to meet emergency requests in case of disaster.

The greatest need at present is for baby garments, both new and used. Children's clothing is extremely high on the list of priorities. Blankets, men's clothing and fabrics are also greatly needed. Three Green Stamp books will provide two warm blankets or a contribution of \$3.00 per blanket.

Please follow these instructions: Be sure belts are pinned to dresses, suits fastened together. See that buttons and zippers are intact and garments clean. Bring by Thursday, April 20, to Monterey Store or church social room, or, if you prefer, bring to the First Congregational Church in Great Barrington, Friday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Saturday, April 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fall Clothing Drive will be in October.

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians did not meet in March at Marie Brallier's, as planned, because she was in Ohio visiting her brother who was seriously ill.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 8:00 p.m. at the Egremont Inn, South Egremont. The theme for the evening's program will be the life and poetry of Elinor Wylie who ranks next to Emily Dickinson among American poets. Mrs. Bradford Durfee will give a brief resume of her life and members of the group will share in reading aloud from her poetry.

The postponed "show and tell" meeting will take place some time in June at the home of Marie Brallier.

Margery Janes



GIRL SCOUTS

Troop 277 made \$24.36 selling cookies. Troop 498 made \$46.80.

Cookies are being delivered now. There are still some left. Order from any Girl Scout.

Mary Thorn
Elizabeth Pizzichemi

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 39 is having a card party in the church social room April 21 at 7 p.m. Patrick Fennell is the chairman. Tickets now on sale (\$1.00) by the scouts.

Do come and help us make this occasion a success.

Douglas Lyman

CUB SCOUTS

Pet and Hobby month has been very exciting. Den I and Den II had joint meetings in New Marlboro School. One week Mr. J. Hazzard, of Great Barrington, showed the boys coins and how to start and take care of a collection. The following week Mr. Walter Parks of Monterey gave them ideas about stamp collecting and proper care of the stamps.

Den I, of Monterey, is now building foot benches and preparing for our Pack meeting April 28. The theme will be "Circus".

Pat Andrus

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The Junior High Youth Group sponsored the Easter breakfast in the church social room, and in spite of rain and snow, it was a successful community event. This observance has been continued over quite a number of years. Very few people want the event discontinued, yet not everyone who wants the tradition kept up necessarily comes to the breakfast. In any event, the Junior High Group made it a pleasant and meaningful occasion for all who were there.

The group had scheduled the showing of the film "Ring of Bright Water" in the church social room last month. The film company failed to send it in time, which was a great disappointment to all. We are expecting to re-schedule it for a later date and hope for good community participation.

Virgil V. Brallier

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

The principal project of the Monterey Youth Group still remains the creation of a youth center for the town. The original plans for building on town property near Greene Park have run into difficulties because of the protective by-laws and the need for constructing a road on the property before beginning to build the youth center.

A committee of townspeople (see names on P. 2) is working with the youth to help them solve the problems connected with creating this community center. There is wide interest in the project and many wish the youth well in their endeavor.

Virgil V. Brallier

NEW MARLBORO-MONTEREY PTA

The card party at the Hillside Restaurant on April 3 for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund cleared \$235. We wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make this event a success, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Zilka for their very generous cooperation and help.

The Office of the Superintendent has requested the names of interested citizens to assist them in reviewing the educational goals for the school district and the following names have been submitted for our area: Mrs. Thomas Andrus, Eugene O'Connell, Mrs. Henry Makuc, Joseph Mackenzie, Mrs. Patricia Mabney and Mrs. William Fennell. If anyone else would care to serve on this committee please contact Mrs. Fennell (528-2233).

The next meeting of the PTA will be on May 16 at the New Marlboro School at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Thomas Consolati, Pupil Personnel Director for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

The field trip committee has made arrangements for the Fourth Grade children to visit Mystic Seaport on May 1. Mrs. Thorn and Mrs. Ryder have been guiding this committee and have an anonymous donation to pay for the trip for these youngsters.

Mildred Fennell

Noted in Passing

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vorck and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Champigny are going to Boston on the weekend of April 28 and 29 for the "Sweet Adelines Competition."

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